

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

OCT 01 2004

TELECOPIER TRANSMISSION

Date: October 1, 2004
Number of pages including this one: -5-

TO: Name: MAIL STOP -RCE-
Firm: USPTO
Fax: 1 703 872-9306

FROM: Name: Robert Brouillette
Direct line: (514) 397-6900
E-mail: rb@bcf.ca
Ref. No.: 07887-007

Operator: Chantal
Telephone: (514) 397-8500 / 397-6699
Extension:

COMMENTS:

FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

US Appl. No. 09/945,524
Confirmation No. : 2677
Inventor: Martin Robitaille
Filed: September 4, 2001
TC/A.U. : 1734
Examiner : George R. Koch
Docket No. : 07887-007

Dear Sirs:

You will find enclosed for filing the following:

- Our letter for filing of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
- USpto Form PTO/SB/30;
- Copy of Petition for two month extension of time;

Please note that by way of separate letter an Extension of time of two (4) months i.e. until October 15th, 2004 has been filed today, a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

We will await to hear from you regarding this matter.

Best regards

CONFIDENTIALITY

The information contained in this facsimile is privileged and confidential and for the use of the person or entity specified above only. The reader of this message who is not the intended recipient is hereby notified that it is strictly prohibited to disclose, distribute or copy this information. If it was transmitted to you by mistake, please immediately notify us by telephone and return the original document to us by mail. We will refund your expenses. Thank you.

1100 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 25th Floor, Montréal, Québec CANADA H3B 5C9
Telephone: (514) 397-8500 Fax: (514) 397-8515

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Appl. No. 09/945,524
Reply to Office action of July 12, 2004

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. 09/945,524
Confirmation No. : 2677
Applicant: Martin Robitaille
Filed: September 4, 2001
TC/A.U. : 1734
Examiner : George R. Koch
Docket No. : 07887-007

FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**MAIL STOP RCE**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submits herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Form PTO/SB/30, in response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004.

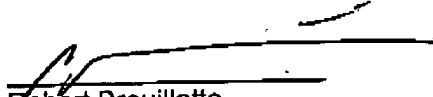
The small entity fees for filing this Request for Continued Examination is \$US385.00, and the USpto is authorized to charge this amount to our Deposit Account no. 02-3980, as mentioned in the attached Form PTO/SB/30 item no. 3.

In addition, by way of separate letter a Petition for a four month Extension of Time is being filed, i.e. until October 15, 2004.

If any further fees whatsoever are due with respect to the above mentioned Request, the US Patent Office is hereby authorized to also charge any such additional fees to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

BROUILLETTE KOSIE PRINCE


Robert Brouillette
Reg. No 31,930
1100 René-Lévesque Boulevard west, 25th Floor
Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3B 5C9
(514) 397-6900
(04104-039-US-01)

PTO/SB/30 (09-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Request
for
Continued Examination (RCE)
TransmittalAddress to:
Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Application Number	09/945,524
Filing Date	09/04/2001
First Named Inventor	MARTIN ROBITAILLE
Art Unit	1734
Examiner Name	KOCH, GEORGE R.
Attorney Docket Number	7887-007

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. ☒ Other AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL FILED 09/15/2004
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-3980
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) (SMALL ENTITY)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other IF ANY
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED		
Name (Print/Type)	<u>ROBERT B. BOWILLIETTE</u>	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) <u>31,930</u>
Signature	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>OCT 1 2004</u>
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION		
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.		
Name (Print/Type)		Date
Signature		

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.114. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

**This Page is Inserted by IFW Indexing and Scanning
Operations and is not part of the Official Record**

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images include but are not limited to the items checked:

- ☐ **BLACK BORDERS**
- ☐ **IMAGE CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES**
- ☐ **FADED TEXT OR DRAWING**
- ☐ **BLURRED OR ILLEGIBLE TEXT OR DRAWING**
- ☐ **SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES**
- ☐ **COLOR OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS**
- ☐ **GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS**
- ☒ **LINES OR MARKS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT**
- ☐ **REFERENCE(S) OR EXHIBIT(S) SUBMITTED ARE POOR QUALITY**
- ☐ **OTHER:** _____

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

As rescanning these documents will not correct the image problems checked, please do not report these problems to the IFW Image Problem Mailbox.